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# **Summary Of Registered Responses**

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As of September 27, 2021, 11:47 AM, this forum

had:

Attendees: 419

Registered Responses: 208 Hours of Public Comment: 11.0 **Topic Start** 

July 2, 2021, 8:59 AM

QUESTION 1

Do you live in Los Altos?

Yes 91.8% 191

No 8.2% 17

QUESTION 2

If no, where do you live?

Answered 20

Skipped 188

QUESTION 3

Do you rent or own?

Rent 5.3% 11

%

Count

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		%	Count
Own		92.3%	192
Other	I	2.4%	5

### QUESTION 4

### How long have you lived in Los Altos?

	%	Count
<1 year	2.4%	5
1-4 years	4.8%	10
5-9 years	6.3%	13
10-15 years	9.6%	20
16-25 years	26.4%	55
26-30 years	12.0%	25
>30 years	33.7%	70
N/A	4.8%	10

### QUESTION 5

### What gender do you identify as?

	%	Count
Female	50.5%	105
Male	43.8%	91
Non-binary	1.0%	2

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	%	Count
prefer not to answer	4.8%	10
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/hat is your age?		
	%	Count
Inder 18	1.9%	4
8-34 years	6.3%	13
5-44 years	6.3%	13
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5-54 years	13.0%	27
5-64 years	23.1%	48
55+ years	42.3%	88
	7.2%	15

### QUESTION 7

### Do you work or own a business in Los Altos

	%	Count
Yes	13.0%	27
No	79.3%	165
Both	2.9%	6
Other	4.8%	10

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#### QUESTION 8

### If you own a business in Los Altos, what kind of business?

Answered 22

Skipped 186

#### **QUESTION 9**

### Do you believe climate change has already or will have a direct, negative impact on: (Choose up to three)

		%	Count
Your job security or livelihood	l	3.8%	8
Your or your family's health and wellbeing		71.6%	149
Your or your family's personal safety		34.6%	72
Your financial situation		13.9%	29
The natural environment in your city		74.5%	155
The infrastructure in your city		31.7%	66
I do not believe climate change has or will have a direct, negative impact.		13.0%	27
Other		9.6%	20

#### QUESTION 10

# Which of the following statements describes you? (Choose up to three)

	%	Count
I take personal actions to reduce the impact of climate change	80.3%	167
I do not see a need to address climate change	4.8%	10

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	%	Count
There is a lack of agreement among academic, political, business, and governmental entities on the appropriate actions	38.5%	80
I do not have all the information to take appropriate actions	3.8%	8
New and improved infrastructure will address the impacts of climate change	27.4%	57
The conflicting news and internet information on appropriate actions is problematic	28.8%	60
Personal and government financial resources are not available to make changes to reduce the impacts caused by climate change	14.4%	30
I have other priorities/concerns and am not able to focus attention on climate change	2.9%	6
I feel my actions will have little impact	13.9%	29
Other	21.2%	44

#### **QUESTION 11**

Please rank the following criteria in order of priority 1-6 (1 being the lowest, 6 being the highest). Please select only one option per priority level.

### **Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction potential**

	%	Count
1	14.4%	30
2	8.7%	18
3	7.2%	15
4	5.8%	12
5	5.8%	12

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	%	Count
6	58.2%	121
Cost-Effectiveness	%	Count
1	14.9%	Count 31
2	13.9%	29
3	16.8%	35
4	15.9%	33
5	17.8%	37
6	20.7%	43
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Community Benefits	%	Count
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1	10.1%	21
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	%	Count
2	17.3%	36
3	20.7%	43
4	16.3%	34
5	12.5%	26
6	13.0%	27
Alignment with State and Local Policies		
	%	Count
1	28.8%	60
2	15.9%	33
3	15.9%	33
4	19.7%	41
5	10.1%	21
6	9.6%	20
Equity and Climate Justice		
	%	Count
1	30.8%	64
2	7.2%	15
3	13.0%	27
4	10.6%	22
5	20.2%	42

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6	<b>%</b> 18.3%	Count 38	
QUESTION 12			
Transportation (Please select up to 5 potential actions)			
	%	Count	
Increase public electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the City	52.7%	109	
Scooter or Bike sharing	13.0%	27	
Electric shuttles for cross-town transit	35.7%	74	
Traffic reduction and calming measures, especially during heat and air pollution alert days	26.6%	55	
Partner with regional transportation efforts to expand zero emissions public transit to and within the City	50.7%	105	
Enhance bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure	55.1%	114	
Transition to Electric Vehicle and handicap only parking spaces downtown	12.1%	25	
Reduce speed limits in the City	10.6%	22	
Designate downtown car-free zones	38.2%	79	
Develop protected bike corridors throughout the City, even if it means reducing traffic speeds and street parking	44.9%	93	
I do not support any of these actions	12.1%	25	
Other	19.8%	41	

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#### QUESTION 13

### Do you own an Electric Vehicle (EV) or Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV)?

	%	Count
Yes	40.1%	83
No	37.2%	77
Plan to purchase an EV or PHEV in the next 1-5 years	22.7%	47

#### **QUESTION 14**

### If you own an EV or PHEV, do you feel there is sufficient public charging locations in Los Altos?

	%	Count
Yes	35.8%	39
No	64.2%	70

#### **QUESTION 15**

### If you don't own an EV, what obstacles prevent you from owning one? (Select all that apply)

	%	Count
Cost	36.8%	49
Choice of EVs on the market	18.8%	25
Not confident about their range	38.3%	51
Length of time to re-charge	28.6%	38
Personal choice	12.0%	16
Other	43.6%	58

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#### QUESTION 16

# Energy (Please select up to 5 potential actions you would support)

	%	Count
Net zero building energy requirements and incentives	44.9%	93
New construction requirement to install greywater systems	52.2%	108
"End of Flow" deadline for ending natural gas service within the City	15.9%	33
Increase the City's Utility Users Tax on natural gas use (proceeds to be used for rebates/incentive programs)	16.4%	34
Increase photovoltaic requirements and include battery storage/back-up systems in new construction	41.5%	86
Require electric or passive heating for pools and hot tubs	24.6%	51
Require additions and remodel construction to be all electric	27.5%	57
Require that gas appliances be replaced with electric appliances or equipment	11.1%	23
Phase out of gas/diesel operated lawn and garden equipment	46.9%	97
Augment energy rebates, incentives, and financing options offered by Silicon Valley Clean Energy and PG&E	44.0%	91
I do not support any of these actions	17.4%	36
Other	18.8%	39

**QUESTION 17** 

Green Community (Please select up to 5 potential actions you would support)

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	%	Count
Facilitate a resilient downtown (incorporate adaptation elements such as drinking fountains, public restrooms, and enhanced shaded areas)	51.7%	107
Cooling Centers opened to the public on days with high temperature	20.3%	42
Promote waste reduction and recycling through education	54.6%	113
Integrate Carbon Farming practices into the urban landscape	34.3%	71
Increase urban tree canopy	67.1%	139
Expand creek setbacks to promote habitat and reduce flood risk	28.5%	59
Facilitate drought tolerant Native Community Gardens	42.5%	88
Support tree planting initiatives in residential areas	57.0%	118
Ban use of inorganic pesticides and herbicides throughout the City	44.9%	93
I do not support any of these actions	3.9%	8
Other	14.0%	29

### QUESTION 18

### Resource Conservation (Please select up to 5 potential actions you would support)

	%	Count
Require water-saving landscaping in all new construction	61.4%	127
Ban single-use plastic food ware	55.6%	115
Promote a reuse, repair, recovery, and refurbishment economy	54.6%	113
Promote sustainable purchases through education and outreach efforts	28.0%	58

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	%	Count
Develop year-round Farmers Markets	36.7%	76
Increase construction and demolition debris diversion to at least 80% (currently 70%) by requiring increased deconstruction processes	35.3%	73
Integrate climate change adaptation into all City plans	58.5%	121
Promote consumer awareness of sustainable food choices	23.2%	48
I do not support any of these actions	10.6%	22
Other	13.0%	27

#### QUESTION 19

### Do you want to stay informed on the development of the CAAP?

	%	Count
Yes	85.6%	178
No	14.4%	30

#### QUESTION 20

### If yes, how do you prefer to receive updates and information?

	%	Count
City Manager's Weekly Updates	50.6%	89
City of Los Altos CAAP webpage	26.7%	47
Environmental Commission Meetings	9.1%	16
Email	50.6%	89

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QUESTION 21

Please enter your email if you would like to be contact about the development of the CAAP

Answered 102

Skipped 106